er insists n our jury ent the constice. Says the "What is wanted in this country to insure the large measure of justice is a jury system in which a three-quarters vote shall either acquit or convict. As mafters now stand one crank in the jury-box, or one juryman who has been "fixed" by the defense can render a three weeks session of the court null and void,

The reform is not far off."-Scimitar. Yes, and we want more; we want to reverse the rotten system that places a premium on ignorance. If a man reads an account of an outrageous murder, or any other crime in a newsaper, or hears a neighbor who has read it relate the circumstance, he is disqualified from serving on the jury, and officers must scour the country over for the most ignorant men to be found to try the most im portant cases. A man who never reads a newspaper these days, or is so ignorant and unconcerned in regard to important events disturbing society as not to know anything of a creasing shows that there must be an inshocking murder in his county is not creasing demand for it. Eight times as fit for any use, and should not be allowed to serve on a jury. An honest intelligent man, though he may have read a dozen accounts of the crime, is better qualified for weighing and sifting testimony and doing full justice, than an ignorant man who never heard of it, for such men are not capable of discriminating in testimony, and are always swayed by the lawyer on one side or the other, incering.

The Memphis people are organizing a bank with \$1,000,000 capital and the Commercial says there is evidence of presperity on every side. We would Judge so from the appearance of the Commercial which has reached a paying basis at six weeks old taking leadership in Southern journalism. Its career of success has no parallel. The paper is a marvel of beauty in make up, a tower in editorial strength and wonderful in its news gathering as it is strong in advertising patronage. It shows that there was room for it in Memphis, notwithstanding four or five other like that which makes the eyes of dogs fine papers, and that Memphis is very prosperous, or that there is a most extraordinary combination of newspaper talent engaged on it to be latent in us all this power of giving have made such a record in so short out light from our bodies, only we do a time.

Hon, Nat Baxter took in Memphis the other day and was interveiwed by the Commercial, Mr. Baxter thinks the race for Governor is between his brother Jere. Baxter Benton McMillian and Lucas Clapp, Jere's chanches are much better than he had anticipated; and Clapp, from what he could gather in Memphis, is by far the most popular candidate in that part of the State. Now we would like to know what is to become of Uncle Josiah and his syndicate of papers, and then what are you going to with brother McDowell and his John P.? If you think Mr. Baxter, they are going to stay in the woods digging yerks till the hayseed sprouts, for nothing, you will be mightly mistaken. They are going to be there on their all fours, you

## Getting After Them.

The grand jury of Davies county, Ky., says the New Era, are getting after the parties who took part in the lynching of Dock Jones several weeks ago. He was the negro who brutally murdered a white barber at Owensboro. The reportorial staff of the Messenger was on hand and witnessed the hanging in order to write it up for the paper, and all of them have been summonded to appear before the grand jury to tell what they know about the matter.

## They Raised the Price.

A gentleman from the South Side, Mr. Geo. Piummer, tells a good one on Messrs, Kropp & Harvie, tobacco dealers. Plummer sold them his crop of tobacco some time ago, consisting of 5,200 pounds, by sample, for a good round price. The crop was delivered yesterday, and when the settlement was made the buyers raised the price ten cents on the hundred without asking. Messrs, Kropp & Harvie say that it was the best crop of tobacco raised on the South Side in 1889, and was worth all the money they paid

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A Fraud, Perhaps Pardonable.

In 1840 4,748,362 gallons of wine were imported into America. In 1888 there were 4,654,545 gallons. Yet the population in 1888 was more than three times as great as it was in 1840. Have we become tectotalers to the extent that 60,-000,000 people drink no more wine than 17,000,000 did? Well, hardly. There never was as much wine drinking as there is today in the country, certainly never champagne flowing so like water at banquets and dinners. For five years previous to 1874 the average number of gallons of wine imported annually was 9,700,000. That year, 1874, native American wines took a great jump upward. The amount made was nearly 11,000,000

offered openly as such at restaurants and hotels. They are put under foreign labels. American wine must be drunk or it would not continue to be made. The fact that the amount is constantly inmuch wine is made as is imported. Yet wine drinkers labor under the hallucination that they are consuming the best foreign wines. It is their own fault.

### The Firefly Lamp.

Professor Thurston has called attention to the fact that the light of the glowworm is a transformation of vital or heat energy into light without waste and at a low temperature. The firefly, beautiful illuminator of the summer landscape, or led by one member of the jury who | emits light in the same way. How do is there to enforce his views by dom- they accomplish it? When man can answer that question, can produce artificially a light like that of the glowworn and firefly, the question of perfect illumination will be solved.

All our light now is obtained at most destructive cost, not more than 5 per cent, of the power consumed going to had no authority for announcing illumination, the rest being lost as heat, that he would issue his call for an exvapor, etc. Where is the man who can tra session of the Legislature Februanalyze the glowworm's light, track it ary 15. to its final lair, wrest its secret from it, transform it into a commercial product, and give the world a perfect illumina-

Professor Thurston thinks this will be accomplished in time. Science has performed greater wonders. Certain animals have a power of self illumination, and cats shine in the dark. At times this same light has been noticed in the eyes of human beings. May there not not yet know how to use it?

What Rev. Heber Newton Says.

Rev. Heber Newton writes a letter to Henry George's Standard in answer to George's criticism that the clergy taok interest in the cause of progress. He cays the clergy are just like other people in one respect. They cannot be expected to fight a wrong until they see it. For himself. Mr. Newton says that he does see a good many wrongs, and fights all he has time and strength to. Moreover, he believes with Henry George that the mineral lands of a country should be held as public property, for the benefit of all, and not allowed to fall into individual hands. He advocates, too, the taxing of vacant city lots to theirfull rental value, and believes the time is ripe and the people are ready for these two changes. He

We could sweep the country within half a dozen years upon two points. First, the retention of all mineral resources bereafter to be opened as the property of the people at large. This would secure an enormous public fund for many of the states, whereby their educational system could be developed as never has been done in history, and vast beneficences be wrought for the public good. It would also be the introduction of the thin end of the wedge, in which would be the recognition of the principle of the right of the people at large to land, of the wrong of private proprietorship in the purely natural resources of the land. Secondly, the time seems to me ripe for the application of that form of the principle which is already coming to the front in England, in the taxation of unused land in our great cities and towns up to their full value, thus to prevent their speculative holding.

If ladies will wear birds upon their hats, let it be the English sparrow. It can be painted any color desired. In fact the sparrow is thus used, and in some piaces taxidermists make a very good thing of preparing the stuffed skin for the hat and bonnet market. Now that the season is over for shooting other birds, country sportsmen and boys are turning their attention to sparrows. At Scranton, Pa., they are killed by the boys with air guns. Sparrow trap shooting has also been inangurated. Many thousands of the little pests have thus been got rid of. A taxidermist there pays the boys two cents apiece for the birds, and a spry boy can earn fifty to seventy cents in a forenoon.

As soon as manufacturers develop a market for native flax fiber the farmers will plant a million more acres with this staple. That will give 12,000,000 bushels of flax seed worth a dollar a bushel for oil. The flax fiber itself would be worth \$100,000,000. All this is contingent on the very large "if" inventive genius can supply machinery which will cheaply and successfully prepare the flax fiber for the loom. The time may come when New tiful as the flax fabrics of Belfast, and in the warm parts of the country in summer The Kentucky Legislature is occu- we may once more see cool and glossy

If Jackson whips Sullivan in the comhave now made laws in the same ing prize fight will that decide the equality of the negro race?

Col. T. M. Burkett who was lately nominated by Col. Tom Baker of the Huntingdon Republican for Governor on the Republican ticket, has been interviewed by the Athens Post and positively declines to be a candidate for anything and would not accept the nomination if thrusted upon him. We are sorry of this, so many nice things are being said about Mr. Burkett as a Rebel Republican, we were just about recommending Brother McDowell to take him on the other hip as his Republican candidate against Buchanan, his Democratic candidate, but Burkett has spoilt the programme, and we gallons. Before that it had been no don't know now what Brother Mcmore than 3,000,000 a year. The native | Dowell will do unless he can take up wine product in 1838 was over 31,500,000 Col. Thos. H. Reeves, of Jonesboro, who is a red-hot Republican of the The strange fact in the wine industry Ingalls stripe, and would keep Bro. is, however, that American wines are not McDowell's taters boiling. As for Col. Burkett, he would make a wonderful drawing card for a traveling show, the world would go wild to see a Southern Republican who refuses to accept office.

> Quite a change has, or is about to take place in two Memphis papers. Congressman Phelan owns the Avalanche and Mr. Pickett has been the editor for some time, after mapping out a policy for the paper Mr. Phelan wanted to make a change, which Mr. Pickett could not do after pursuing the course first decided upon and he will retire from the Avalanche and take the managing editorship of the Appeal and Mr. Underwood, city editor, will also go to the Appeal. Mr. Mathews who has been managing the Appeal will continue as editor on that paper, and this leaves only Mr. Rickett, Mr. Wright and Mr. Milliken on the Av-

Gov. Taylor now says the Herald



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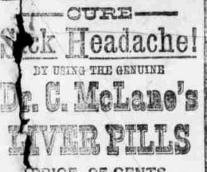
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